GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3267
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LIMIT ON AMARNATH PILGRIMS
Sugavanam Shri E.G.

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of pilgrims who have gone on Amarnath Yatra during the last three years;

(b) whether the Nitish Sengupta Committee had recommended limiting of such pilgrims on daily basis;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the action taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a): A total of 13.79 lakh pilgrims visited Amarnath cave during the last three years;

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. In the Enquiry Report on Amarnath Yatra Tragedy, 1996, Dr. Nitish K. Sen Gupta recommended a figure of 9000 to 10000 Yatris to be permitted along Chandanwari-Holy Cave route, in the context of the assessment in 1996. However, there has been significant improvement in the various facilities for the Yatra since 1996.